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**Statement of Local 73 President Dian Palmer on Mayor Lightfoot's Decision to Replace Chicago Board of Education Members:**

SEIU Local 73 applauds Mayor Lightfoot's decision to replace the Chicago Board of Education members with community leaders committed to equity and supporting all CPS employees who are dedicated to our students and ensuring that each get a quality education in safe and clean schools regardless of zip code, neighborhood, income, and race. It was important to remove a Board of Education that was more experienced and invested in Wall Street, the CME and corporate America than children and public education. We look forward to working with Mayor Lightfoot in the coming months as we begin the transition to a democratically elected Chicago Board of Education.

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